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SUBJ: MASS ORGANIZATIONS: TIENTSIN WOMEN' S FEDERATION:

INACTIVE PEASANT' S ASSOCIATION

1. TIENTSIN HAS BECOME THE FIRST PROVINCIAL- LEVEL UNIT TO FORM A WOMEN' S FEDERATION IN RESPONSE TO THE REGIME' S JANUARY 1 CALL FOR REBUILDING THE MASS ORGANIZATIONS. ALL THREE OF THE PRC' S SPECIAL MUNICIPALITIES HAVE NOT SHARED THE HONOR OF LEADING IN THIS TASK; SHANGHAI EARLIER HELD THE FIRST NEW YOUTH LEAGUE CONGRESS, AND SPLIT THE LIMELIGHT WITH PEKING FOR THE FIRST TRADE UNION CONGRESSES.

2. NCNA JULY 3 REPORTED THAT THE SIXTH CONGRESS OF TIENTSIN WOMEN WAS HELD JUNE 27 TO JULY 1. MINICIPAL CCP FIRST SECRETARY HSIEH HSUEH- KUNG ADDRESSED THE GATHERING, AND TSAI SHU- MEI, A FEMALE LABOR ACTIVIST WHO FIRST CAME TO POLITICAL PROMINENCE DURING THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION ( MEMBER, NINTH CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND THE TIENTSIN CCP STANDING COMMITTEE), WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE TIENTSIN FEDERATION. TSAI LED A WOMEN' S DELEGATION TO NORTH KOREA IN MAY THIS YEAR.

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EM PEOPLE'S DAILY APPARENTLY DID NOT CARRY AN EDITORIAL ON THE TIENTSIN EVENT, ALTHOUGH IT EARLIER HAD MACZED# THE FIRST YOUTH LEAGUE AND TRADE UNION CONGRESSES IN THAT FASHION. POSSIBLY THE REGIME CONSIDERS THAT THE MARCH 8 EDITIRIAL ON WOMEN'S DAY WAS ENOUGH SAID ON THE SUBJECT. POLICY TOWARD WOMEN, AS SET FORTH AT THE TIENTSIN CONGRESS, STRESSED GREATER UTILIZATION OF THEIR ABILITY THROUGH EQUAL OPPORTUNITY, BUT ALSO SINGLED OUT WOMEN'S SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR FAMILY AND HOUSEHOLD MANAGEMENT. THRIFT IN HOME ECONOMICS, AND THE PROMOTION OF LATE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY PLANNING WERE CALLED FOR, FURTHER POINTING UP THE REGIME'S CONCERN FOR SURBING CONSUMPTION AND POPULATION GROWTH.

4. WITH THE REBUILDING OF YOUTH, LABOR, AND WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS NOW WELL UNDERWAY, THE LACK OF PUBLIC ACTIVITY IN REORGANIZING THE PEASANT'S ASSOCIATION IS UNDERSCORED. AFTER SOME REPORTS OF LOW LEVEL MEETINGS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR, WE HAVE HEARD NORTHING ABOUT THAT MASS ORGANIZATION. IT IS LIKELY THAT THE REGIME'S CONCERN FOR THE TROUBLED SITUATION IN AGRICULTURE PUT A FREEZE ON SUCH FORMAL ORGANIZATION ACTIVITY IN THIS AREA, IN FAVOR OF STRESSING PRODUCTION.  
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